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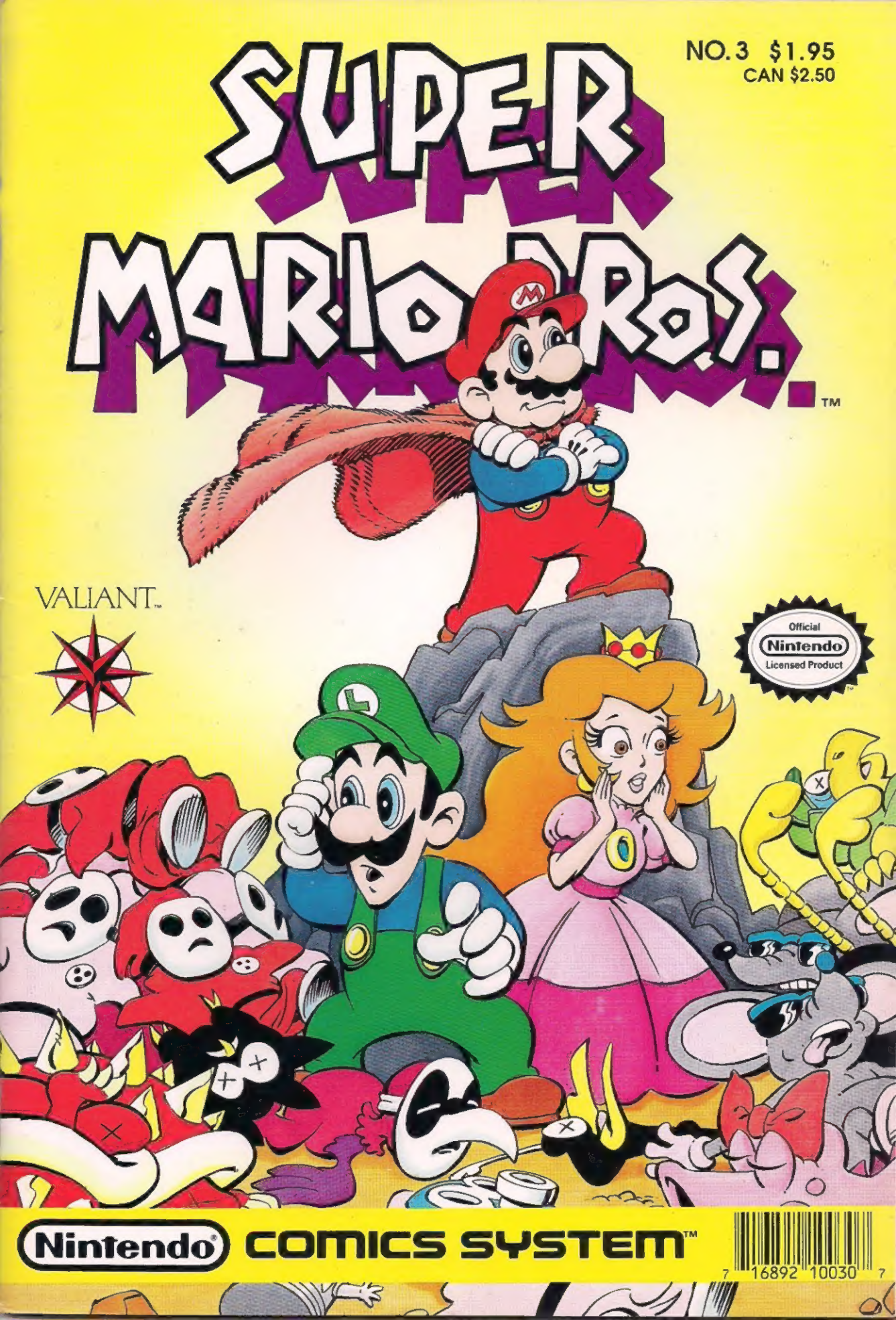

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WOW! I'VE JUST SPENT THE LAST 72 HOURS READING DIRK DRAIN-HEAD COMIC BOOKS. A NEW RECORD!
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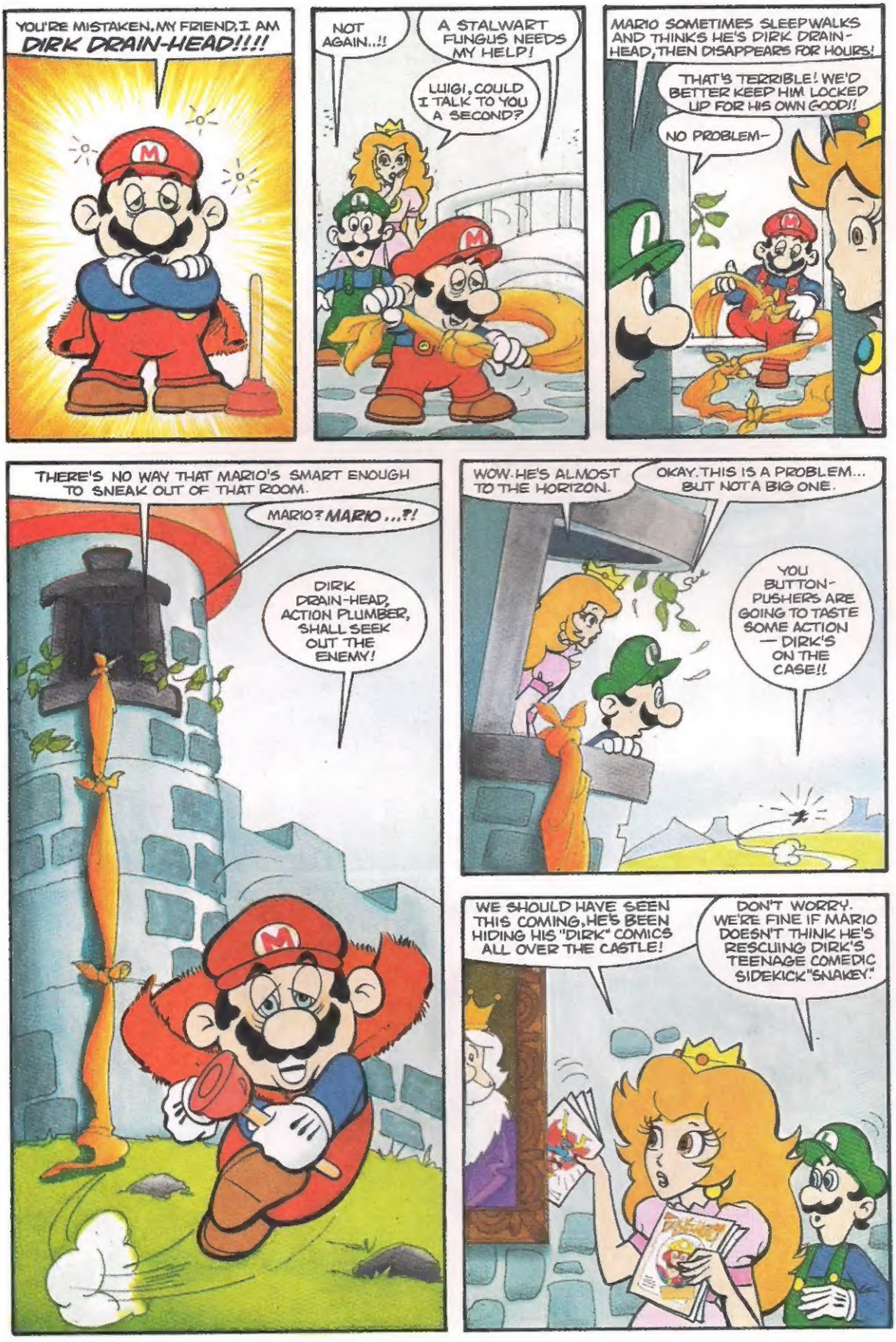
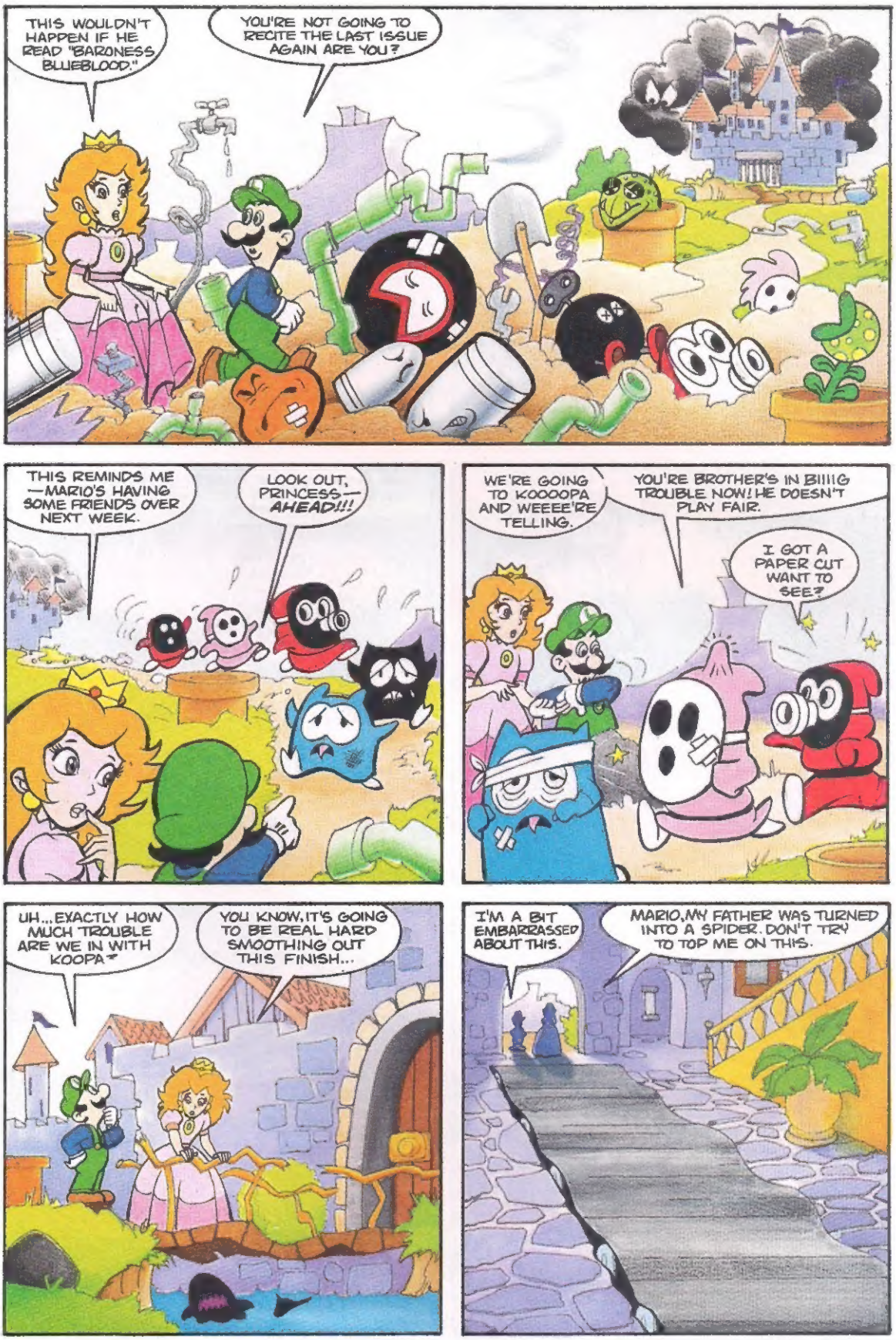
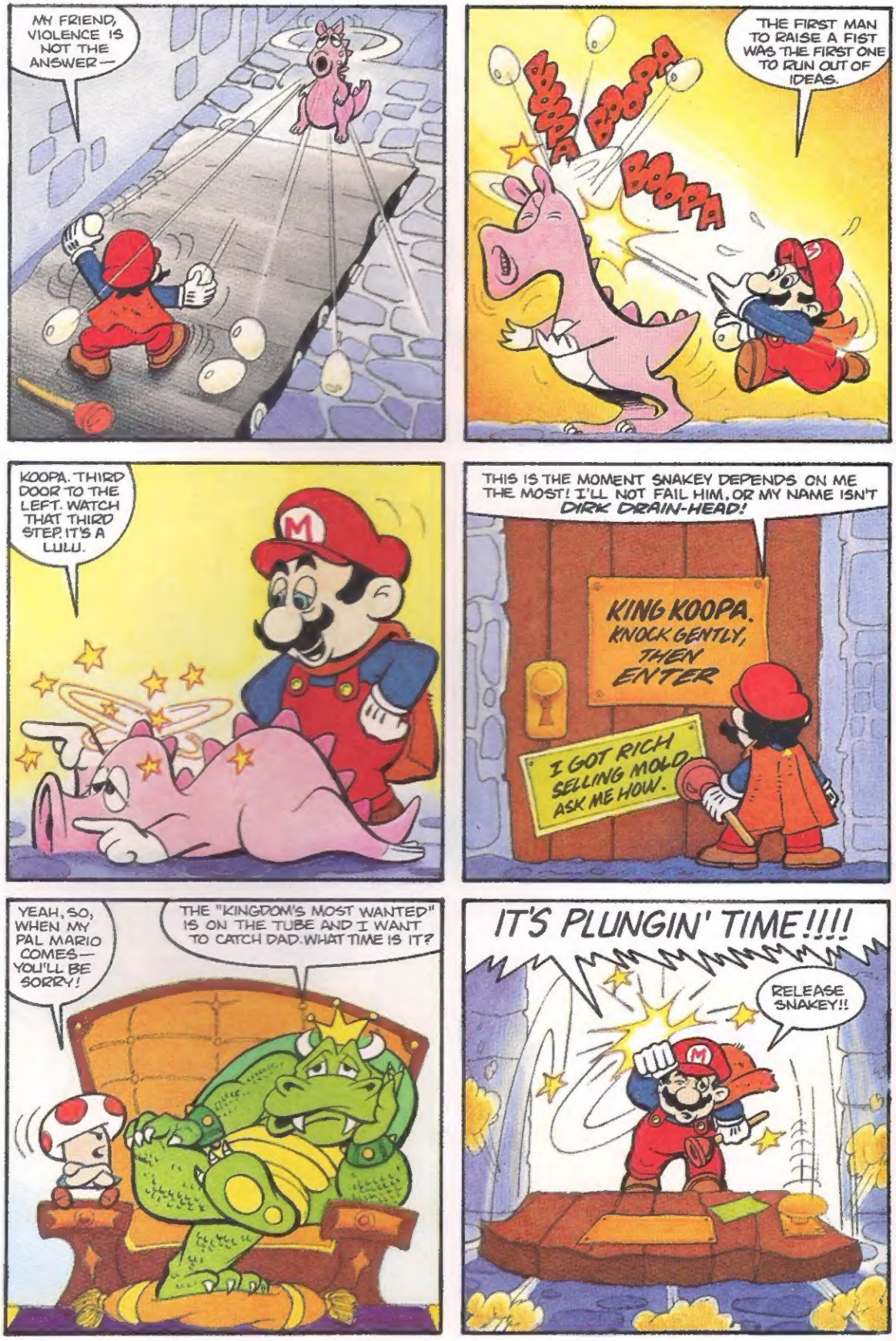
DIRK DRAIN-HEAD
THE SCARY THING IS...I'D DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN!
MAYBE I'LL TAKE A NAP FIRST, THOUGH.
MARIO! IT'S AN EMERGENCY!!
ZZZZZZ

MARIO, GET OUT OF BED!!
→COUGH, COUGH!!← LUIGI? IS IT A WEEK LATER ALREADY?!
QUICK! TOAD'S BEEN KIDNAPPED BY KOOPA!
TOAD?! LITTLE TOAD!!
YES, AND YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, DON'T YOU?
WRITE A STRONGLY-WORDED LETTER TO THE MUSHROOM TIMES...
IN THE MORNING!!
YOU GOT TEN MINUTES!
Uhh... I WISH DIRK DRAIN-HEAD WERE HERE, HE'D KNOW WHAT TO DO...
8 MINUTES LATER...
OK PRINCESS, WE HAVE TO WAKE MARIO. THIS COULD GET UGLY.
MARIO..?!
ZZZzzz

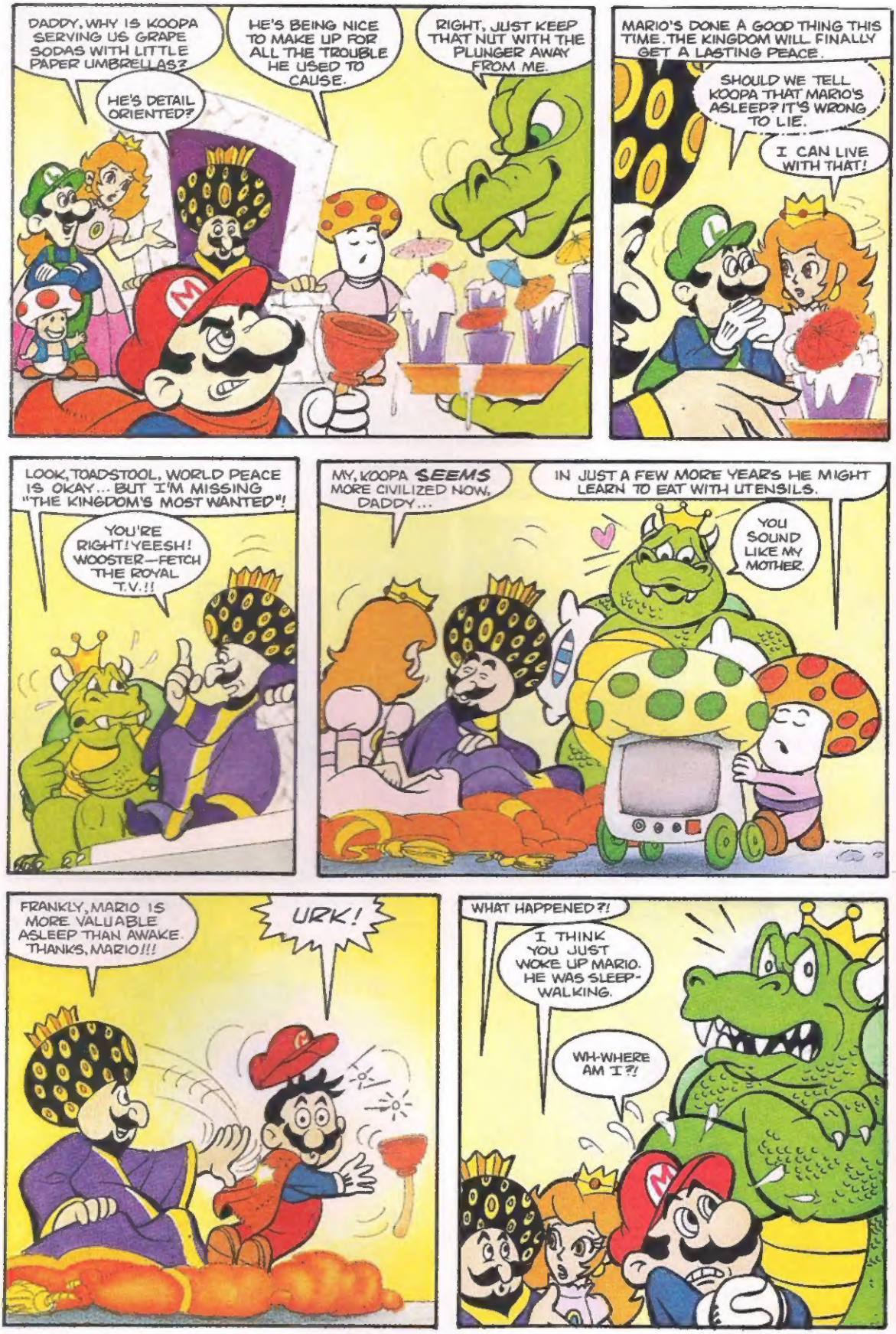

YOU'RE MISTAKEN, MY FRIEND, I AM DIRK DRAIN-HEAD!!!!
NOT AGAIN..!!
A STALWART FUNGUS NEEDS MY HELP!
LUIGI, COULD I TALK TO YOU A SECOND?
MARIO SOMETIMES SLEEPWALKS AND THINKS HE'S DIRK DRAIN-HEAD, THEN DISAPPEARS FOR HOURS!
THAT'S TERRIBLE! WE'D BETTER KEEP HIM LOCKED UP FOR HIS OWN GOOD!!
NO PROBLEM—
THERE'S NO WAY THAT MARIO'S SMART ENOUGH TO SNEAK OUT OF THAT ROOM.
MARIO? MARIO...?!
DIRK DRAIN-HEAD, ACTION PLUMBER, SHALL SEEK OUT THE ENEMY!
WOW. HE'S ALMOST TO THE HORIZON.
OKAY. THIS IS A PROBLEM... BUT NOT A BIG ONE.
YOU BUTTON-PUSHERS ARE GOING TO TASTE SOME ACTION — DIRK'S ON THE CASE!!
WE SHOULD HAVE SEEN THIS COMING, HE'S BEEN HIDING HIS "DIRK" COMICS ALL OVER THE CASTLE!
DON'T WORRY. WE'RE FINE IF MARIO DOESN'T THINK HE'S RESCUING DIRK'S TEENAGE COMEDIC SIDEKICK "SNAKEY."

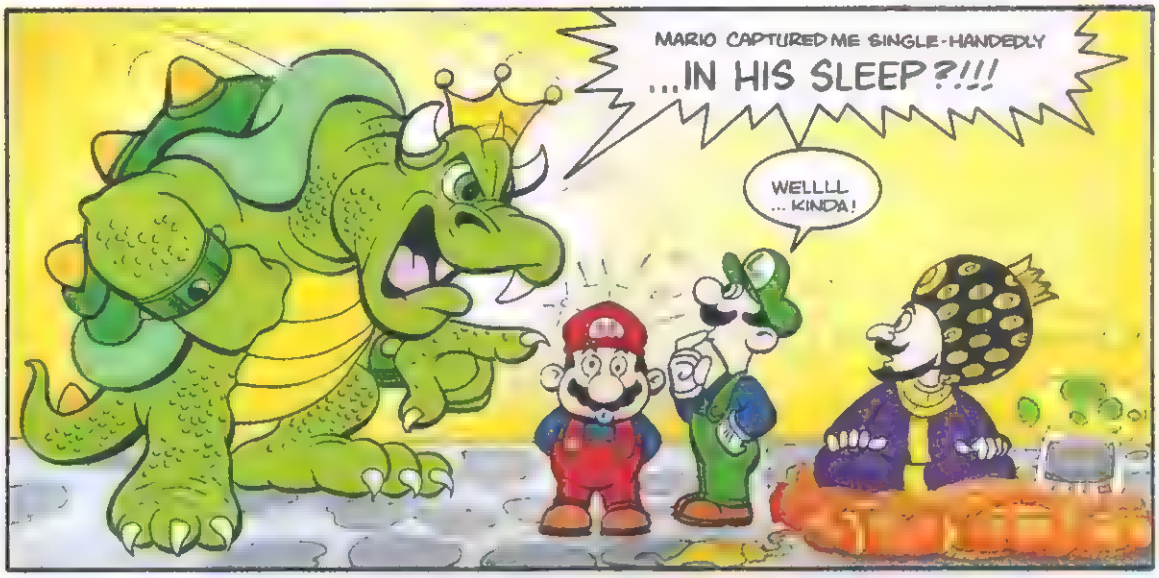
OH, SNAKEY, SNAKEY, SNAKEY, SNAKEY, SNAKEY, SNAKEY, SNAKEY, SNAKEY...!!!! IT'S ALL MY FAULT!!!!
HERE'S THE "A PLAN": YOU ATTACK FROM THE FRONT AND I'LL TAKE THE REAR.
IF I DON'T RESCUE YOU, SNAKEY, I'LL NEVER PLUNGE AGAIN!!
WHAT'S THE "B" PLAN?!
LUIGI, IS "DIRK" SMARTER THAN MARIO?
WELL, ALMOST EVERYONE IS.
YOU UNDERSTAND, MY DIRE-YET-TRAGIC FOES, IT IS NOT YOU THAT I AM PERSONALLY GOING AFTER. BIGGER THINGS ARE AT STAKE HERE. WITH AWESOME POWER COMES BETTER-THAN-AVERAGE RESPONSIBILITY. SUFFERING. THE QUESTION OF MY PURPOSE, I MUST STRUGGLE ON...
HE'LL TALK LIKE THIS ALL DAY IF YOU LET HIM...

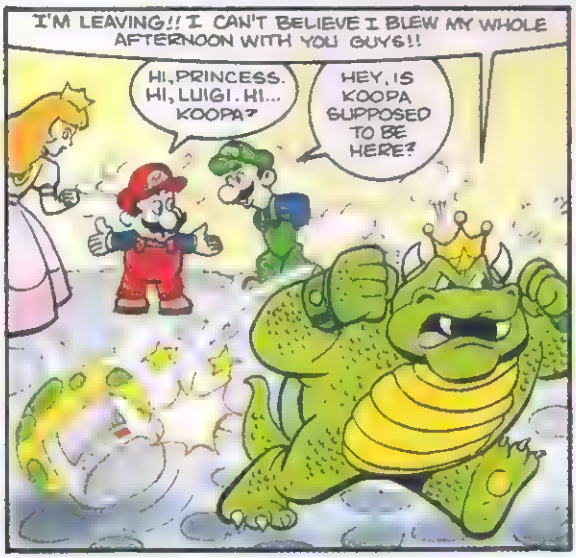

THIS WOULDN'T HAPPEN IF HE READ "BARONESS BLUEBLOOD."
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO RECITE THE LAST ISSUE AGAIN ARE YOU?
THIS REMINDS ME —MARIO'S HAVING SOME FRIENDS OVER NEXT WEEK.
LOOK OUT, PRINCESS— AHEAD!!!
WE'RE GOING TO KOOOOPA AND WEEEE'RE TELLING.
YOU'RE BROTHER'S IN BIIIIG TROUBLE NOW! HE DOESN'T PLAY FAIR.
I GOT A PAPER CUT WANT TO SEE?
UH... EXACTLY HOW MUCH TROUBLE ARE WE IN WITH KOOPA?
YOU KNOW, IT'S GOING TO BE REAL HARD SMOOTHING OUT THIS FINISH...
I'M A BIT EMBARRASSED ABOUT THIS.
MARIO, MY FATHER WAS TURNED INTO A SPIDER. DON'T TRY TO TOP ME ON THIS.

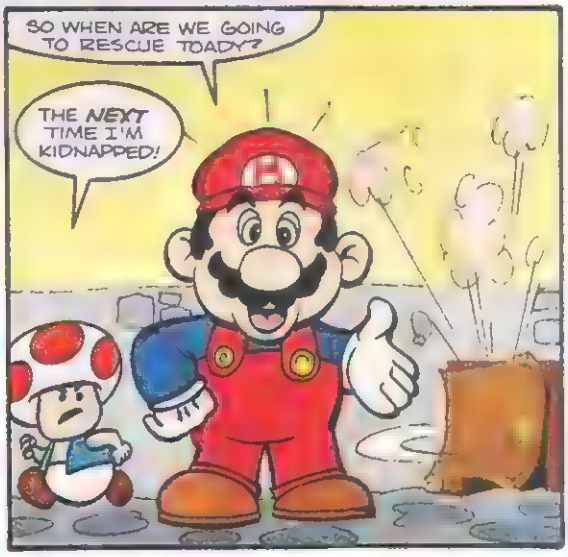

MY FRIEND, VIOLENCE IS NOT THE ANSWER—
BOOPA BOOPA BOOPA
THE FIRST MAN TO RAISE A FIST WAS THE FIRST ONE TO RUN OUT OF IDEAS.
KOOPA. THIRD DOOR TO THE LEFT. WATCH THAT THIRD STEP. IT'S A LULU.
THIS IS THE MOMENT SNAKEY DEPENDS ON ME THE MOST! I'LL NOT FAIL HIM, OR MY NAME ISN'T DIRK DRAIN-HEAD!
KING KOOPA. KNOCK GENTLY, THEN ENTER
I GOT RICH SELLING MOLD. ASK ME HOW.
YEAH, SO, WHEN MY PAL MARIO COMES— YOU'LL BE SORRY!
THE "KINGDOM'S MOST WANTED" IS ON THE TUBE AND I WANT TO CATCH DAD. WHAT TIME IS IT?
IT'S PLUNGIN' TIME!!!!
RELEASE SNAKEY!!

WHO'S SNAKEY?
I THINK THAT'S YOU, KID.
STAND BACK, SNAKEY, THIS IS NOT YOUR BATTLE!
PLEASE DON'T CALL ME, "SNAKEY." THAT'S A KIND OF NAME THAT MIGHT STICK.
SEVERAL HOURS LATER, COLD, WET, HUNGRY AND ANNOYED, LUIGI AND THE PRINCESS SLINK BACK TO THE CASTLE...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT — KOOPA WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT KOOPA — WHERE ARE MARIO AND TOADY?!
WE'LL GO BACK IN THE MORNING AND —
YOWZ?!
FRANKLY, MARIO SCARES ME. HE'S SPOOKY.
IS IT ME OR DO I DETECT MILK FILM ON THIS GLASS?


DADDY, WHY IS KOOPA SERVING US GRAPE SODAS WITH LITTLE PAPER UMBRELLAS?
HE'S DETAIL ORIENTED?
HE'S BEING NICE TO MAKE UP FOR ALL THE TROUBLE HE USED TO CAUSE.
RIGHT, JUST KEEP THAT NUT WITH THE PLUNGER AWAY FROM ME.
MARIO'S DONE A GOOD THING THIS TIME. THE KINGDOM WILL FINALLY GET A LASTING PEACE.
SHOULD WE TELL KOOPA THAT MARIO'S ASLEEP? IT'S WRONG TO LIE.
I CAN LIVE WITH THAT!
LOOK, TOADSTOOL, WORLD PEACE IS OKAY... BUT I'M MISSING "THE KINGDOM'S MOST WANTED"!
YOU'RE RIGHT! YEESH! WOOSTER—FETCH THE ROYAL T.V.!!
MY, KOOPA SEEMS MORE CIVILIZED NOW, DADDY...
IN JUST A FEW MORE YEARS HE MIGHT LEARN TO EAT WITH UTENSILS.
YOU SOUND LIKE MY MOTHER.
FRANKLY, MARIO IS MORE VALUABLE ASLEEP THAN AWAKE. THANKS, MARIO!!!
URK!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
I THINK YOU JUST WOKE UP MARIO. HE WAS SLEEP-WALKING.
WH-WHERE AM I?!


MARIO CAPTURED ME SINGLE-HANDEDLY ...IN HIS SLEEP?!!!
WELLLL ... KINDA!


I'M LEAVING!! I CAN'T BELIEVE I BLEW MY WHOLE AFTERNOON WITH YOU GUYS!!
HI, PRINCESS. HI, LUIGI. HI... KOOPA?
HEY, IS KOOPA SUPPOSED TO BE HERE?


SO WHEN ARE WE GOING TO RESCUE TOADY?
THE NEXT TIME I'M KIDNAPPED!

SLAM!
?
BAM!

GUYS?
GUYS?!!
!!!
WELL, WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH...
..THE TOUGH READ DIRK DRAINHEAD!
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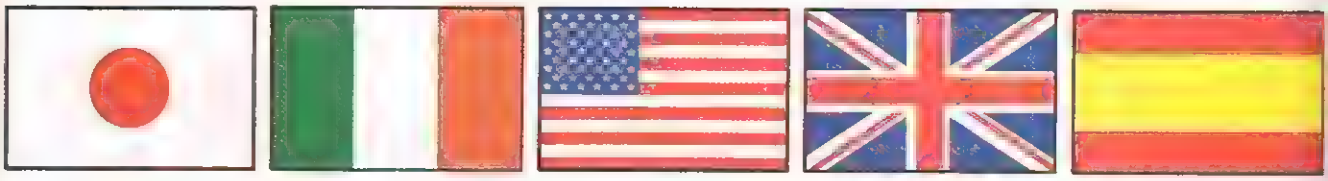

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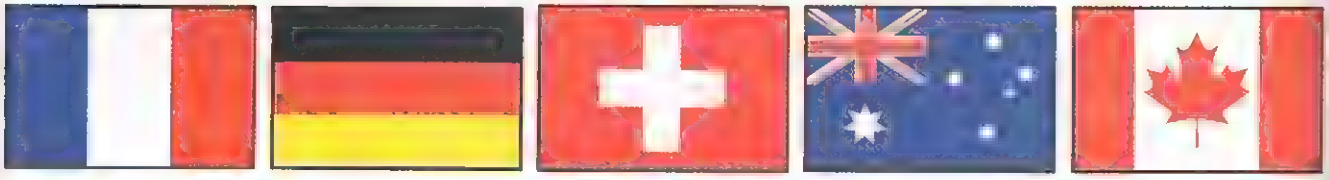

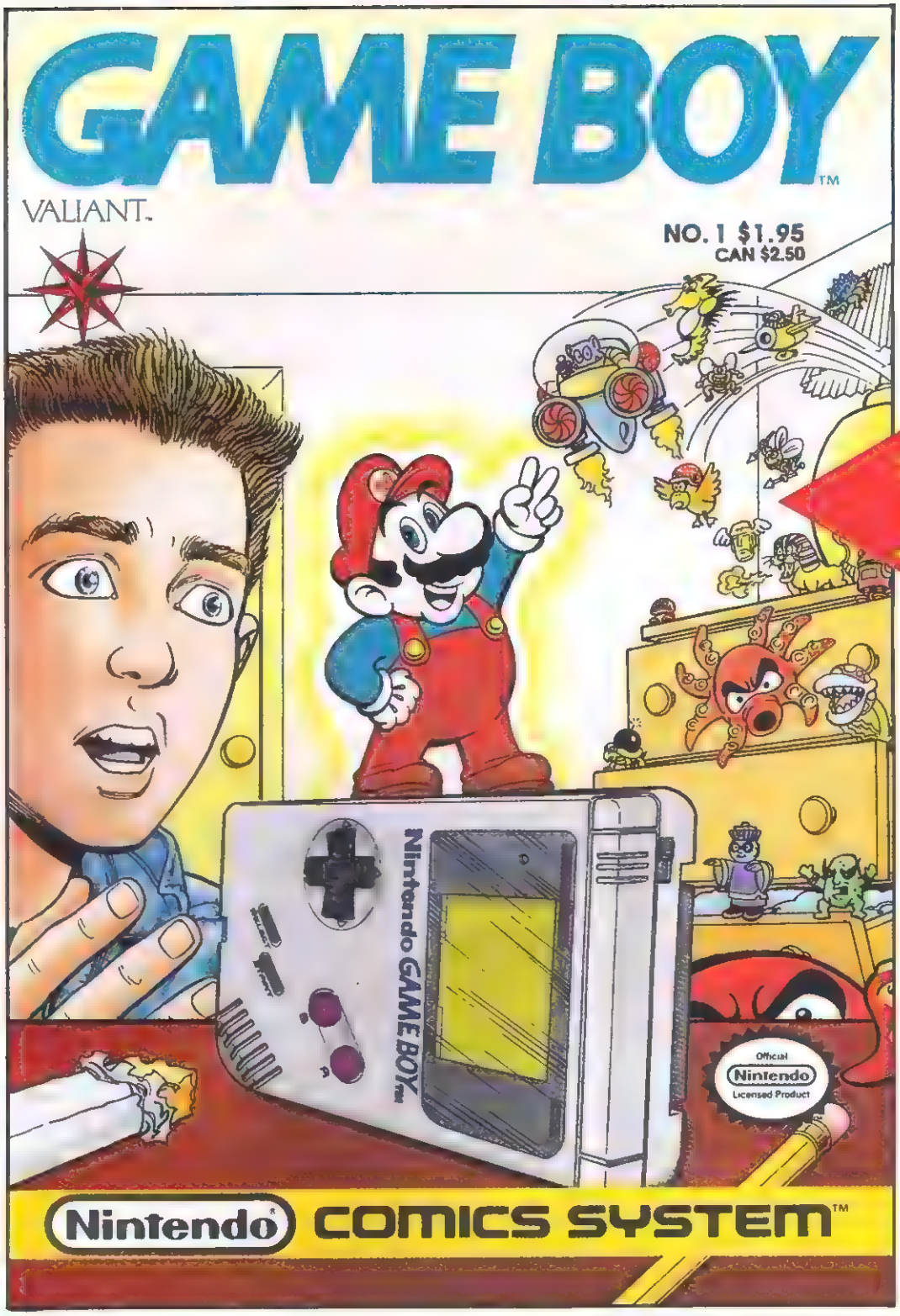

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On this page of whitey white, I got so hungry, I burned off a bite.

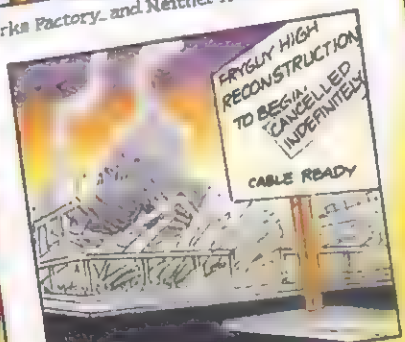
FRYGUY HIGH YEARBOOK--ACTIVITY PAGE!

Did somebody say sports?!!! Well at Fryguy High our base baseball team the Briquettes, won big this year--because our fireballing pitchers hurled 16 consecutive no hitters:

Yet another honor bestowed to a member of Fryguy High was to attend the Royal Koopa Family Cook-out! Hey Koopa I want my Weiners extra crispy "Ha Ha!"

We'll never forget our field trip to the Kaboomka Fireworks Factory- and Neither Will they!!!

A few bad apples is ruining it for the whole school by smoking in the boys' room!! They claim they can't help it!!!!



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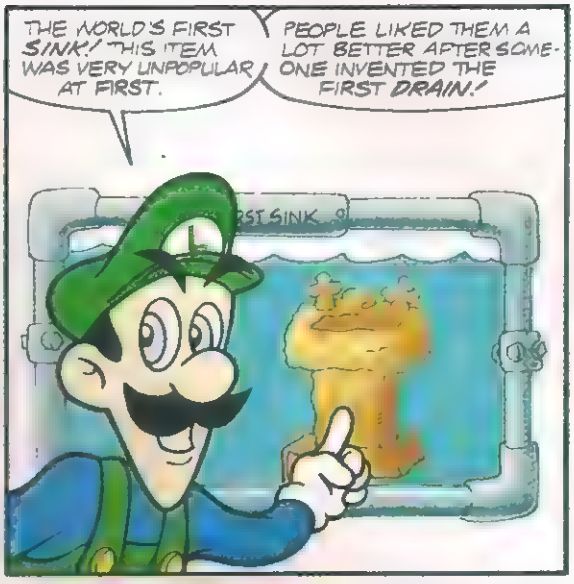
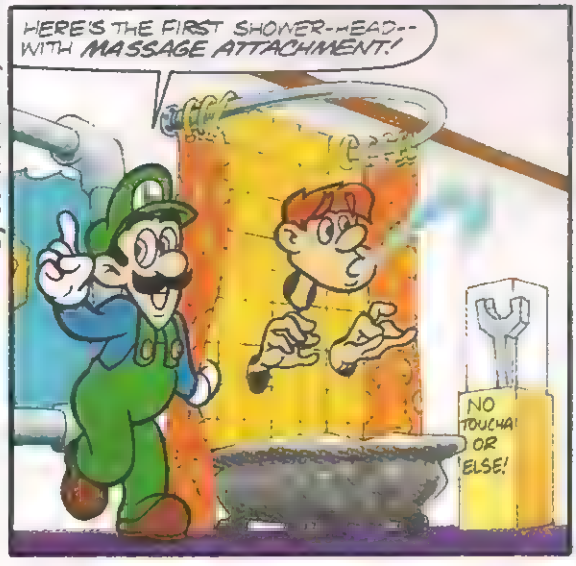
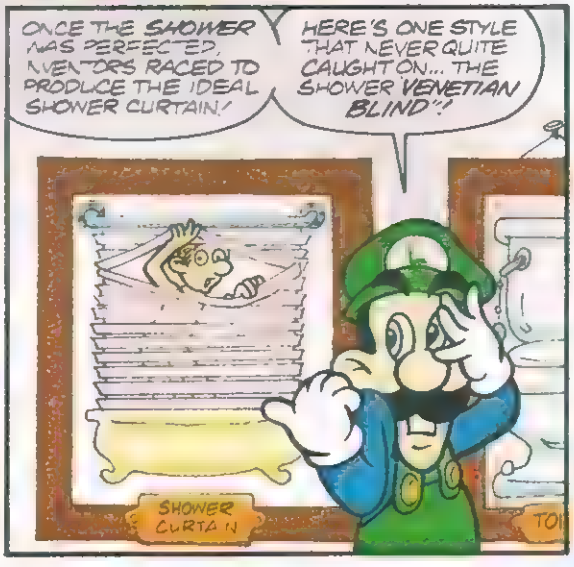
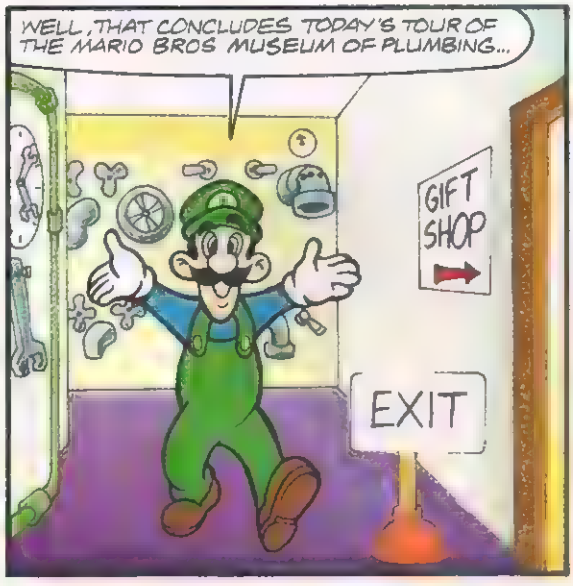
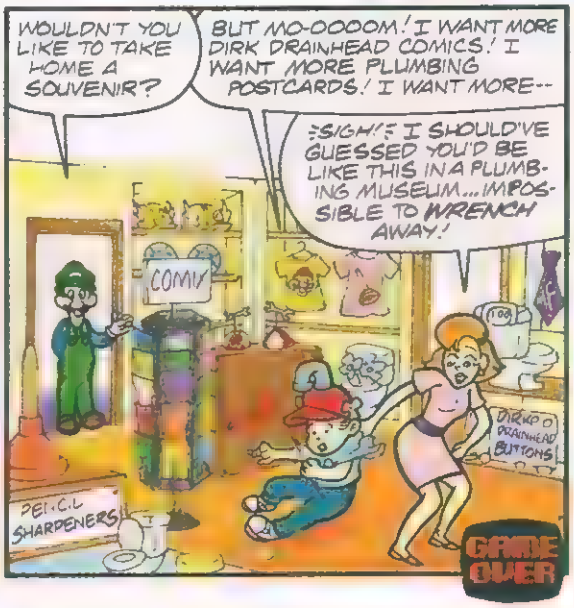

THE WORLD'S FIRST SINK! THIS ITEM WAS VERY UNPOPULAR AT FIRST.
PEOPLE LIKED THEM A LOT BETTER AFTER SOMEONE INVENTED THE FIRST DRAIN!




ONCE THE SHOWER WAS PERFECTED, INVENTORS RACED TO PRODUCE THE IDEAL SHOWER CURTAIN!
HERE'S ONE STYLE THAT NEVER QUITE CAUGHT ON... THE SHOWER VENETIAN BLIND"!
SHOWER CURTAIN




WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO TAKE HOME A SOUVENIR?
BUT MO-OOOOM! I WANT MORE DIRK DRAINHEAD COMICS! I WANT MORE PLUMBING POSTCARDS! I WANT MORE--
SIGH! I SHOULD'VE GUESSED YOU'D BE LIKE THIS IN A PLUMBING MUSEUM... IMPOSSIBLE TO WRENCH AWAY!
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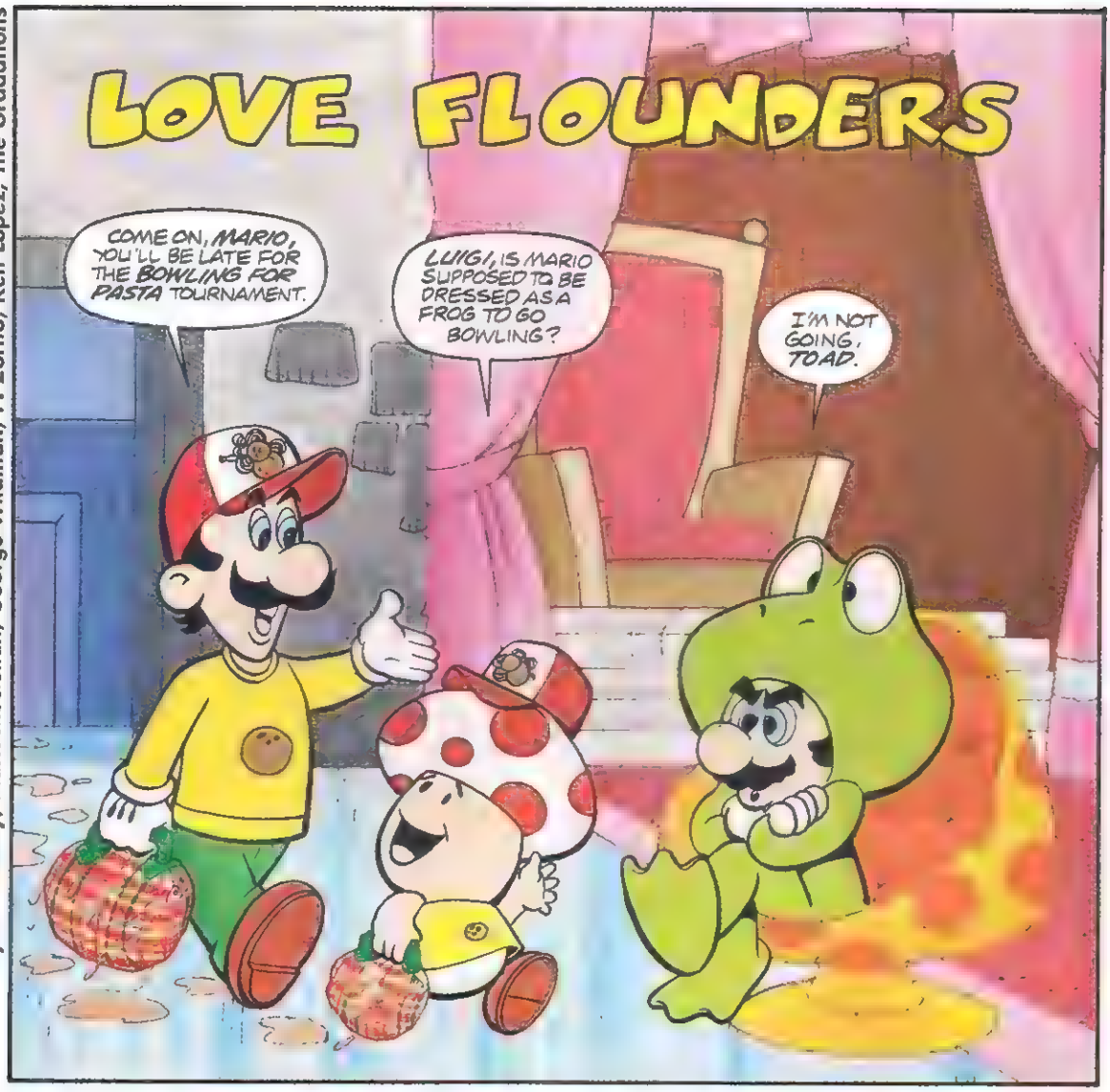
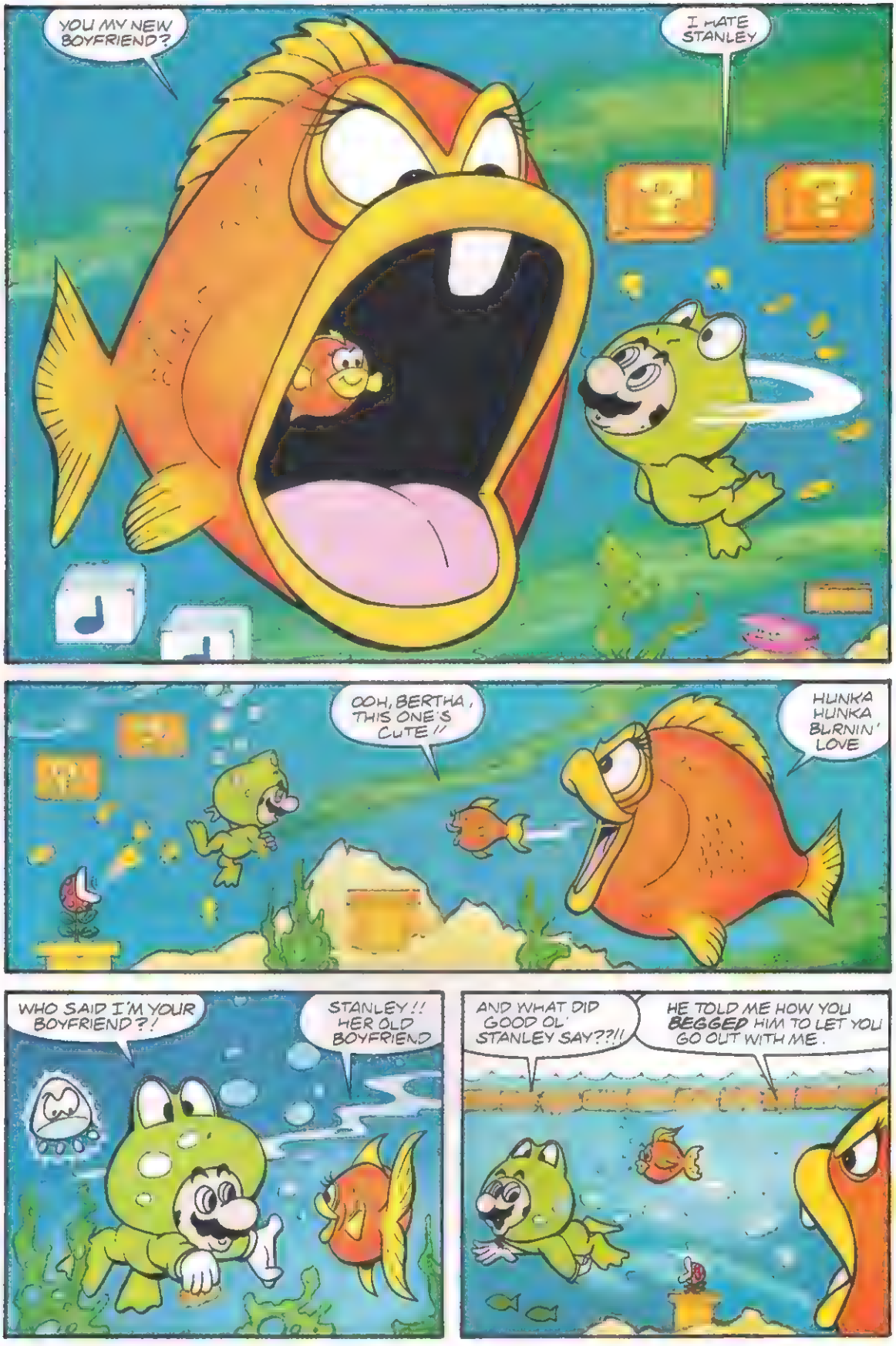

COME ON, MARIO, YOU'LL BE LATE FOR THE BOWLING FOR PASTA TOURNAMENT.
LUIGI, IS MARIO SUPPOSED TO BE DRESSED AS A FROG TO GO BOWLING?
I'M NOT GOING, TOAD.

C'MON, MARIO--! IMAGINE THE THRILL OF TOSSING FIVE POUNDS OF SPICY BEEF DOWN A HARDWOOD LANE! CAN'T YOU GO ON THE MISSION LATER?
NO

MARIO, I THINK IT'S VERY SWEET OF YOU TO GO AND PICK SOME CHUCK-BERRIES FOR MY CEREAL.
DON'T MENTION IT PLEASE.
NOW, HURRY BACK BEFORE MY FLAKES GET TOO SOGGY.
YOUR WISH IS MY DISAPPOINTMENT, PRINCESS.
THOSE CHUCKBERRIES ARE RARE! YOU'LL BE GONE FOR DAYS.
FLOP
FLOP
FLOP
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS GREASY, DRIPPING MEATBALL WHILE YOU RISK YOUR LIFE FOR A HANDFUL OF BERRIES.
SOMETIMES I THINK SHE TAKES THIS PRINCESS STUFF A LITTLE TOO SERIOUSLY.
I'M GOING TO MISS THE TOURNAMENT TODAY TO RISK MY LIFE FOR CEREAL FRUIT.
WHAT ELSE CAN GO WRONG?!
HI! I'M STANLEY THE TALKING FISH!
OKAY, I WAS WRONG. THINGS COULD GET WORSE!

MARIO? YOU?!!!
GO AWAY, STANLEY.
YOU REMEMBER ME--I'M STANLEY, THE TALKING FISH!! THIS IS MY GIRLFRIEND, SMOOKERS.
PLEASED, I'M SURE.
WITH A NAME LIKE SMOOKERS, YOU GOTTA BE GOOD.
LAST I HEARD, STANLEY, YOU WERE IN LOVE WITH BARBARA THE BUSH.
OH, NOOO!!! THAT WAS JUST GUPPY LOVE! THE NEW TRUE LOVE OF MY LIFE IS SMOOKERS!
PLEASED, I'M SURE.
I'M VERY HAPPY NOW GO HOME.
WEEELLLL, I'D LIKE TO. BUT I ASKED BERTHA OUT ON A DATE AND I HAVE TO BREAK IT.
NO, I'M NOT GOING TO DO YOU'RE DIRTY WORK FOR YOU.
IF YOU DO... I'LL LEAVE! HOW'S THAT?
WHERE IS THIS DELIGHTFUL LITTLE BERTHA, ANYWAY?!
COMING UP?
ACTUALLY, THIS ISN'T SO MUCH TO ASK. MAYBE I'M BEING TOO HARD ON STANLEY.


YOU MY NEW BOYFRIEND?
I HATE STANLEY
OOH, BERTHA, THIS ONE'S CUTE!!
HUNKA HUNKA BURNIN' LOVE
WHO SAID I'M YOUR BOYFRIEND?!
STANLEY!! HER OLD BOYFRIEND
AND WHAT DID GOOD OL' STANLEY SAY??!!
HE TOLD ME HOW YOU BEGGED HIM TO LET YOU GO OUT WITH ME.

GET OUT OF MY WAY! DESPERATE PLUMBER ON THE RUN!
OOOH, THIS ONE HAS FIGHT IN 'IM!
MEANWHILE, FAR AWAY...
SO, STANLEY, YOU'VE BROKEN UP WITH BERTHA, HUH?
OF COURSE, I LOVE YOU!
HOW DID BERTHA TAKE THE NEWS?
IT TOOK A LITTLE LONGER THAN USUAL FOR HER TO RECOVER THIS TIME.
GAAAAA....!!!!
LITTLE DICKENS, S PLAYING HARD TO GET.
HE'S SO SWEET
I THINK HE WENT THIS WAY!
I'M COMING, HONEEEYYY!!!!
PHEW!

SHE'S GONE! GOOD. NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GET THOSE STUPID BERRIES.
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR CHUCKBERRIES?!
YEAH, YOU KNOW WHERE I COULD FIND SOME?
MIGHTY RARE THINGS. YOU COULD GO EMPTY-HANDED FOR WEEKS, MONTHS, WITHOUT HELP.
I COULD USE SOME HELP. BETWEEN THE BERRIES AND BERTHA...
LET ME GIVE YOU A PIECE OF ADVICE ABOUT GETTING AWAY FROM BERTHA.
WHAT'S THAT?
DON'T TRY GIVE UP.
WAIT A MINUTE--! WHAT'S THAT UP AHEAD?!!
I'M SURE THE TWO OF YOU WILL BE VERY HAPPY TOGETHER!

IT'S THE CHUCKBERRIES! I'LL BE OUT OF HERE IN A SECOND!
YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET THIS!
COULD I BOTHER YOU A MOMENT TO TELL YOU WHAT A SWELL GAL BERTHA IS?
NO KIDDING--WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH YOU GUYS AND BERTHA?
WELL, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, IF YOU DON'T GET TOGETHER WITH BERTHA...
ONE OF US HAS TO!
SORRY, BOYS..
...THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM.
OH, STANLEY, CHUCKBERRIES--! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE!
WELL, THIS IS THE QUIETEST AND MOST ROMANTIC SPOT IN THE OCEAN.

WE HAVE PRIVACY, THE SHIMMERING MOON, THIS LOVELY PASTA KELP...
GIMME THAT!!
AND YOU--I'M NOT THROUGH WITH YOU, YET!
YOU DID SETTLE EVERYTHING WITH BERTHA, RIGHT?
YOU WANT EXTRA PASTA KELP--? I GOT LOTS!
MOMENTS LATER...
HAW! I OUTRAN THOSE GUYS BY A MILE! THEY'LL NEVER CATCH ME
I GOT THE BERRIES, I OUT-DISTANCED THE FISH--THERE'S NOTHING THAT CAN STOP ME FROM FULFILLING MY MISSION FOR THE PRINCESS!

HOW YA DOING, HONEY! I CAUGHT YOU!! NOW I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A BIG WET KISS!
YAHH!
OH, YOU KIDS WANT TO BE ALONE.
HEY, LADY-- KNOCK IT OFF, WILLYA?! THE SUIT WASN'T DESIGNED FOR THIS TYPE OF PUNISHMENT!!!
NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
I--I THOUGHT YOU WERE A FROG!
WHO TOLD YOU THAT?!!
STANLEY-- WHEN HE TOLD ME YOU LIKED ME!
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT STANLEY COULD HAVE EXAGGERATED?
HE LIED JUST TO GET RID OF ME. THIS GUY HATES ME LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.
WELL, I'LL BE LEAVING NOW.
GOOD. I JUST WANT TO BE ALONE.
I BETTER LEAVE. THIS CERTAINLY WASN'T MY FAULT. BUT...

I, UH, BERTHA... I WANT YOU TO HAVE THIS
CHUCKBERRIES!!! B-BUT THEY'RE CONSIDERED A VERY ROMANTIC GIFT-- WHY ARE YOU GIVING THEM TO ME?
BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU!!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU
BUT I'D LIKE TO. AT THE VERY LEAST WE CAN HAVE LUNCH NEXT WEEK AND SAY NASTY THINGS ABOUT STANLEY.
SOUNDS GREAT, IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU IN THE MEANTIME?
YES. HURT STANLEY. A LOT.
CONSIDER IT DONE.
FIRST SMOOKERS LEAVES ME, NOW THIS!
WELL, I MIGHT AS WELL GET THIS OVER WITH.
PRINCESS, ABOUT THOSE CHUCKBERRIES...
DON'T MENTION FOOD TO ME. EVER AGAIN.
I GOT BORED WHILE YOU WERE GONE AND I DID SOMETHING BAD
WHAT'D YOU DO?!
I ATE YOUR BOWLING BALL. I NEED YOU TO GO TO WORLD 5-2 FOR SOME BI-CARB CRYSTALS!!; BURP!;
I HOPE SHE DOESN'T PUT ME IN A CLOWN SUIT THIS TIME...

By John Walker, Dan Danglo, P. Zarito, Ken Lopez, Kingman Huie

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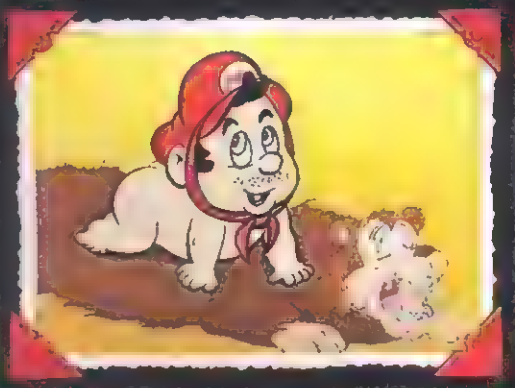
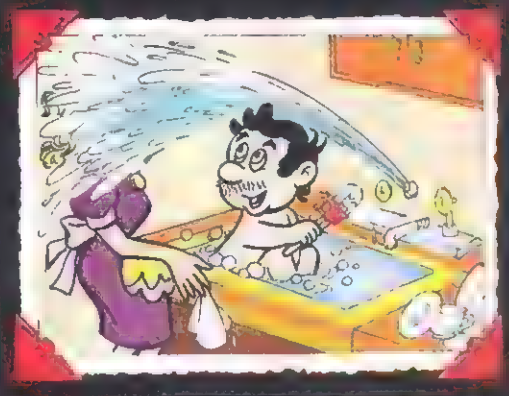
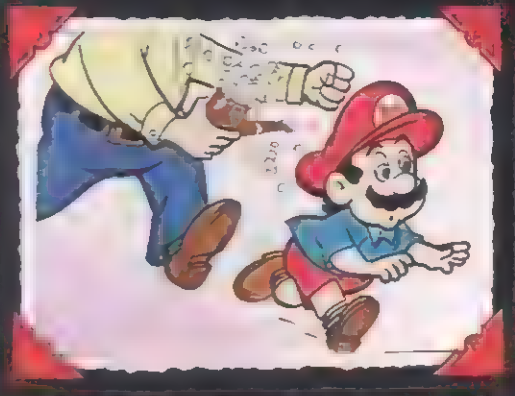


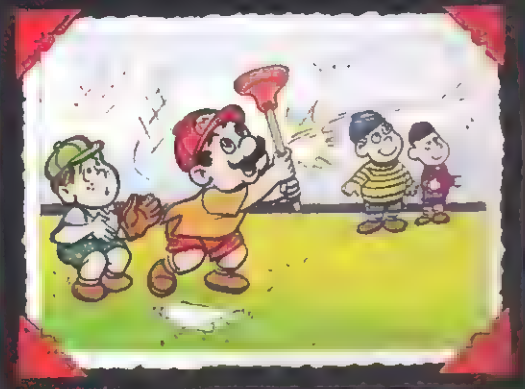
Some babies are born bald... but Mario was born with a full head of hair. And a full face too.



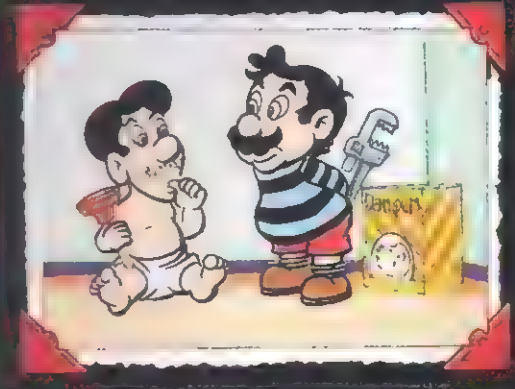
Little Mario showed a talent for plumbing at a very early age.



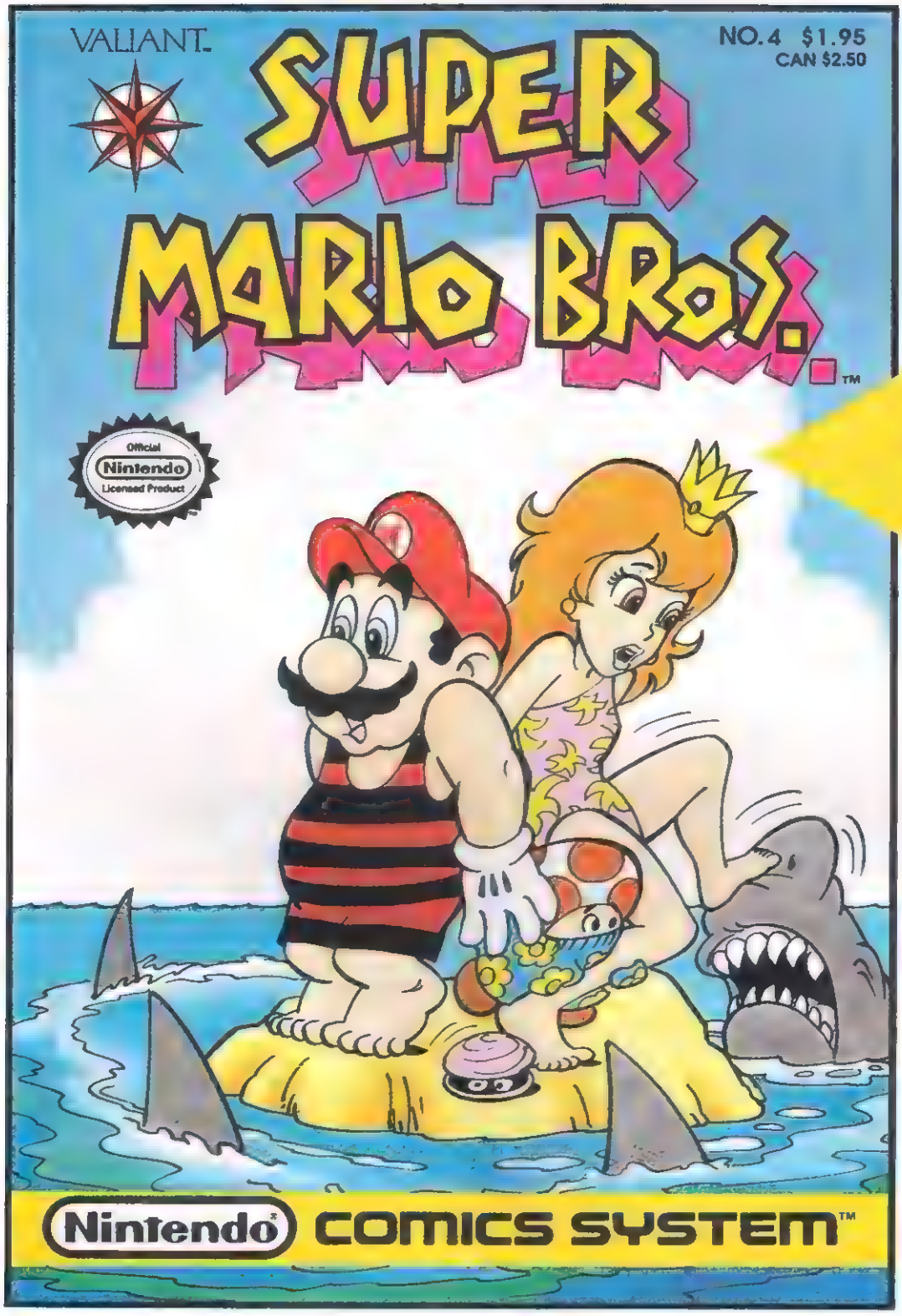
He even fixed his fathers pipe.



Mario led the neighborhood soft ball league in home runs! Here's a picture of Mario with his lucky bat.



Marios interest in plumbing grew, and by the time his baby brother Luigi was born, he could fix almost any leak.



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Marnie Binder
Mill Valley, CA

Dear Marnie,
Thanks!

Dear Voyager Communications Inc.,

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Eddie LaBelle
Flint, MI

Yo!

I'm with Eddie. You better put Captain N in your comics or I'll fry you. Get the picture?

Brent Dutcher
Flint, MI

Dear Guys,
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Dear Sir or Madam,

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Dear Gordon,
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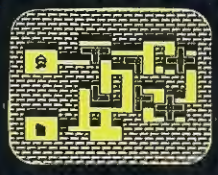

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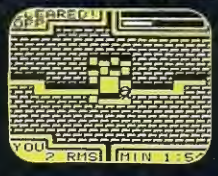

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